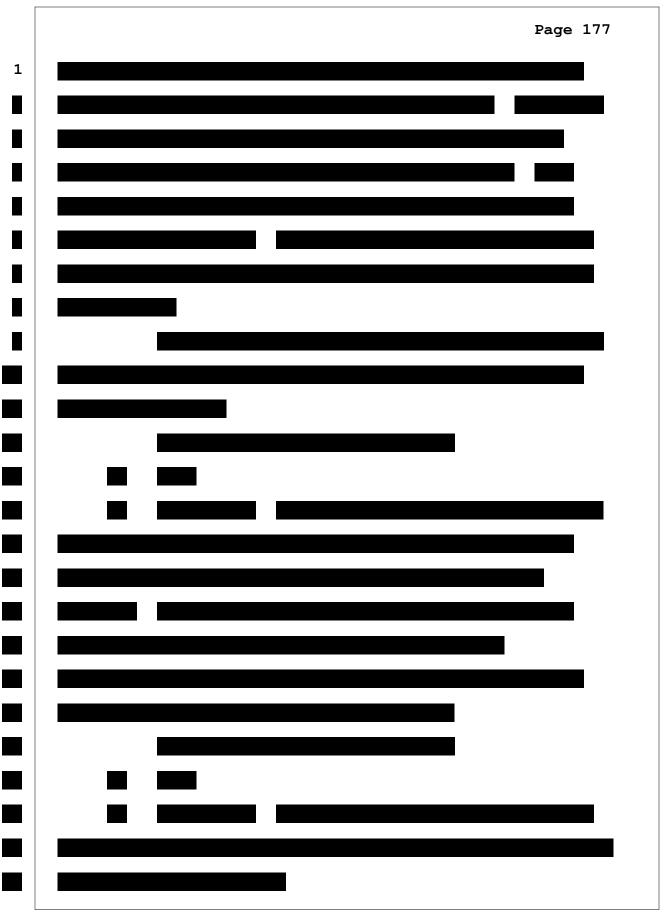
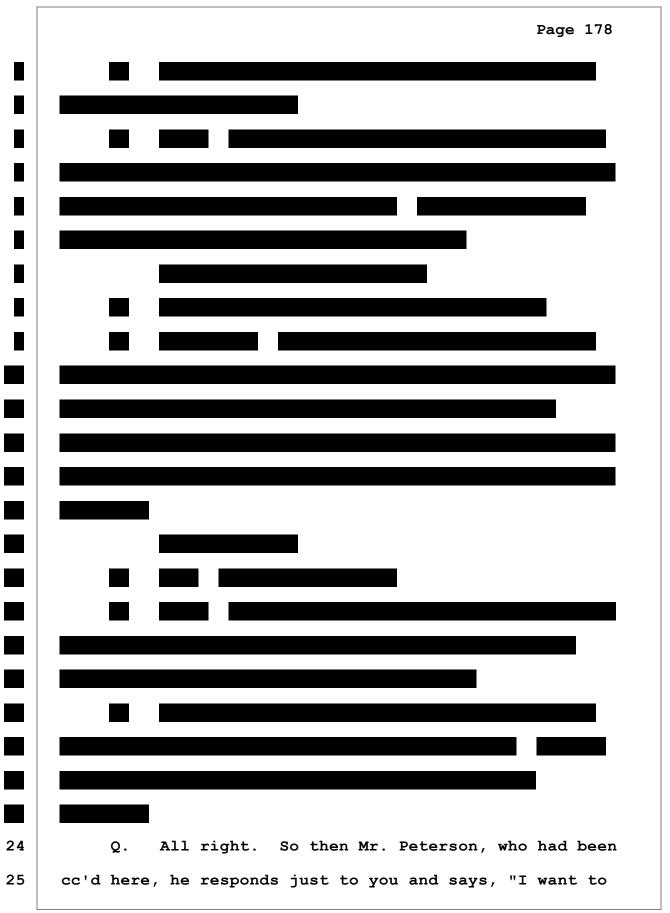
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Page 179 frame this and hang it on our cabal wall." 1 2 Those are his words; right? 3 Α. Yes. And a cabal there is a small group -- as used 4 5 by Mr. Peterson, it's a small group at Valve; is that 6 right? 7 I -- that term predates me at Valve. I Yeah. think "cabal" historically at Valve was shorthand for a 8 9 team or a product group. And so that's my 10 interpretation of how he uses it here as well. Okay. And he basically -- and so you and he 11 12 were part of the same cabal in this timeframe, 2019? 13 Α. Erik and I worked on the same team, and at this time we would have sat near each other in the 14 15 building as well. 16 So he's basically saying, I want to frame this 17 and hang it near where we sit? 18 You'd have to ask him exactly what he meant, Α. but I can just read his words from the email. 19 20 All right. Well, you responded and you said, 21 "gonna get it tattooed on my back like it's the 22 Declaration of Independence." 23 Those were your words? 24 Α. Yes. 25 Q. I assume you never got that tattoo?

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1	A. I do not have any tattoos.
2	Q. All right. But here, why did you say that?
3	A. Well, I don't recall this email conversation,
4	and I don't recall my specific state of mind when
5	replying.

